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For : TRANSGENIC ANIMAL )  
MODEL FOR )  
NEURODEGENERATIVE )  
DISEASES )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned U.S. national phase application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following paragraph and heading, immediately following the title, as follows:

**--Cross-Reference to Related Applications**

This is the U.S. National Phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application Number PCT/EP00/08071, filed August 18, 2000 which claims priority to European Application Number 99116766.9, filed August 30, 1999 under 35 U.S.C. § 119, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

Please insert the following heading, immediately following the "Cross-Reference to Related Applications":

**--Field of the Invention--**